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I am writing this letter to address my concerns with Document Management Branch (HFA-305); the reduction in the prominence of irradiated food labels. As a consumer I want irradiated food products to be prominently displayed and easily identifiable. As a consumer, I want to be able to make purchasing decisions without having to check all the fine print on the labeling.

Although, some state irradiation is "safe" I am not thoroughly convinced. I am quite aware of the mineral and vitamins that are lost in the irradiation process. I am also aware of the potential benefit from this sterilization process. Please support the prominent display of irradiated food so consumers can make clear and informed decisions on the food they are ingesting.

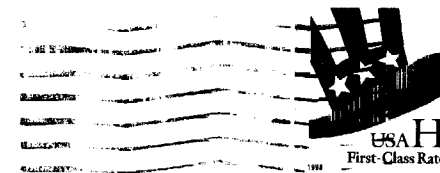
Sincerely,


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